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### Turkey Will Allow Limited Importation of Feeder Cattle

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**Report Highlights:**

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**General Information:**

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The animals can be imported from the countries authorized to export live cattle to Turkey: The United States, Australia, Brazil, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, France, Austria, Slovakia, Sweden, Czech Republic, Greece (except the regions of Lesvos/ Midillli, Samos, Rhodos, Chios, Kos, Ikaria, Dodekanisa, Kalymnos, Halki islands, Peloponnese, East Macedonia and Thrace), Italy (except the regions of Lazio, Toscana, Sicilia, Liguria, Calabria, Campania, Umbria Abruzzu, Molise, Basilicata and Sardinia Island) as published on the web-site of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey (MinFAL): <http://www.tarim.gov.tr/Konular/Veteriner-Hizmetleri/Thracat-Ithalat/Ithalat>

According to the published implementing procedure, permission to import is given to producers who have a contract with a person or legal entity producing, cutting, and handling of beef by giving a guarantee of providing agricultural and livestock inputs of the producers and purchasing the final product within the scope of the contractual production model. The quantity of feeder cattle permitted for import is limited by the holding capacity and/or quarantine capacity.

The establishments of the natural/ legal person producing, cutting, and handling of beef, shall have a working permit and be approved or qualified approved according to the provisions of the existing legislation.

The date of the slaughter, the quantity of the animals to be slaughtered (shall not be less than the quantity of the animals to be imported), slaughter price (shall be the current price determined by Meat and Milk Board (ESK) at the day of the slaughter or until the slaughter, the inflation rate would be added to the ESK's price at the contract date) shall be indicated on the contracts. The contracts shall be approved by the notary.

The producer wishing to import shall produce the following documents:

- A copy of the slaughter contract approved by notary
- The authenticated copies of the document(s) for the establishments producing, cutting, and handling of beef that have a working permit and be approved or qualified approved according to the provisions of the existing legislation. The document(s) shall be approved by Province/District Directorate.
- The document consisting of capacity information of the establishment producing, cutting, and handling of beef. It shall be taken from Province/District Province.
- The conformity document taken from the National Beef Council shall be introduced.

The imported animals shall be comply with the technical specifications and health requirements, which are published on MinFAL's web-site:

<http://www.tarim.gov.tr/HAYGEM/Belgeler/Hayvanc%C4%B1l%C4%B1k/%C4%B0thalat->

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The veterinary health certificates are published here: <http://www.tarim.gov.tr/Konular/Veteriner-Hizmetleri/Ihracat-Ithalat/Ithalat>

### **Application for Import Permit:**

The following documents are required at the time of the application;

- Petition
- Proforma Invoice
- Control Document filled by the importer according to the `Communiqué on the Import Check of the Products Subjected to the Control of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock` which is published for each year.
- Commitment Paper
- Authorized signature list
- Commercial Registry Gazette
- Establishment Approval Document
- The list of the animals within the establishment (shall be taken from TURKVET database)
- The conformity document of the Establishment and Quarantine Place and the capacity document for the Feedlot (shall be taken from Province/District Directorates.)

### **Import Permit:**

The control document is approved after selection of the animals. The validity of the control document is four months. The quantity of feeder cattle to be permitted for import is limited by the holding capacity and takes into account the animals existing in the holding. Producers cannot import more animals than their current existing number of domestic feeder cattle. An import permit will not be given to producers who do not have any domestic feeder cattle within his/her own holding. The imported animals shall be slaughtered under the conditions defined by the contract.

Import permission applications are valid for 6 months from the application date. The application dossier will no longer be valid after 6 months even if importation has not taken place.